# Civic Center and Park Project Newsletter



### **Construction Project Update**

With only a few months left on the project schedule, the race is on. The construction team's efforts are heavily focused on the completion of the Council Chambers so it is ready to use for the December 11 City Council meeting. This meeting will be the first sneak peak of the community's new government building; however, the rest of the Civic Center will not open for public access the night of the meeting.

The goal is to have the rest of the buildings and park substantially complete by the end of December, but not moving staff and services into the new space until everything is ready. As of right now, we are estimating moving in mid-February 2013 with an objective for a seamless transition and minimal disruption to City services.

The image below was taken from the east side of the Central Library showing the new library expansion (left), City Hall building (center) and the parking structure (right).



#### A Vision for the Future



Newport Beach Civic Center project architect Peter Bohlin will share his vision and inspiration behind his contemporary design on Monday, October 22 at 7 p.m. at the Newport Beach Central Library Friends Room. Community members are invited to hear him speak and learn about the distinctive features of the design that will serve the community for years to

come. The event is free and seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Central Library is located at 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach. For more information on this event, call 949-717-3801 or visit newportbeachlibrary.org.

#### **Trees and Trails**

A significant portion of the Civic Center project is dedicated to a 16-acre park, which includes the City's first dog park, civic lawn, restored wetlands, and 1.23 miles of walking and viewing trails. Our landscape architect developed a comprehensive plan that incorporates large mature trees throughout the site and consideration was given to locate these trees were views are already impeded by existing building and trees. The City's commitment to protect the sight

plane was for the civic buildings and the surrounding landscape starting from the main entry driveway south to the Central Library.

In late August, we took delivery of mature Coastal Live Oaks and Sycamore trees that have been placed in and around the dog park and the project site. The use of mature trees will provide shade for visitors enjoying the dog park and walking trails.



### Construction costs as of Sept. 30, 2012:

- Total construction contract = \$106,291,562 (includes additional \$1M for the San Miguel Pedestrian Bridge and \$508,350 for change orders)
- Expended = \$81,761,762 (77% of the available construction contract)
- Construction contingency spent = \$2,041,868 (includes \$1M transferred for the San Miguel Pedestrian Bridge, 72% of the construction contingency has been used representing 1.9% of available construction contract)
- Owner's contingency change orders = \$508,530 (0.48% of available construction contingency)



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## San Miguel Bridge

The City Council approved the construction of a pedestrian bridge to connect the north parcel and south parcel to complete the intended vision of the project. To accommodate the installation of the bridge, San Miguel Drive between Avocado Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard will be closed to as follows:

- Nov. 5-9 outside lanes & inside left turn lanes closed in both directions.
- Nov. 13, 2012 Feb. 8, 2013 full street closure Monday through Thursday nights from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. There will be no work or closures during the following periods:
  - o Nov. 21-25, 2012 and Dec. 20, 2012 to Jan. 14, 2013.

#### Who can I contact?

The City's construction management team is available to respond to your questions and concerns:

- Project Manager William Hahn 949-261-5100 | whahn@cwdriver.com
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In addition, detailed project information can be found on the City's website at newportbeachca.gov/civiccenter.

## Progress You Can See



City Hall building all glass walls and wave roof overhang



Unique wave roof of the City Hall building



Delivery of mature trees

